

# A FREE BAND IN **COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Some Members Wanted Mr. Pollock to Have It There.

AMONG COUNCILMEN

Late-Hour Sessions of the Body. The "Sleepy-Heads" and Others Who Make Fun.

Being hilarlously humorous, there are number of members of the Common whose happy thoughts often break forth into originality of the funniest kind, which is calculated to make a habits laugh heartily. Aside from their humor, these gentlemen

are also extremely characteristic in their dress habits. They are often seen in the Council Chamber with a 5-cent bouquet of chrysanthemums dangling from the left Japel of their coats and a 2-cent cheroot in their mouths, one of which they frequently offer a newspaper reporter as a matter of courtesy. Of course, the gra-cious gift is declined; not because it is not appreciated, but owing to the fact that a reporter has little time to smoke during a session of this busy body.

When, with perfect equanimity, President James Caskie raps the much-abused gavel on the piece of curbstone on the ta-ble beside him, he is amazed in looking ground to see that all the members exaround to see that all the members ex-cepi Messrs. Tanner, Garber, Grimes and Cottrell have entered into a conversation in the cloak-room and those that are present to "come to order" are stretched out in their chairs asleep.

A second rap availeth naught. When the able President begins to get impatient and demands that Seregant-at-Arms Rus-

kell urge the absent members to come and

"AND THE BAND PLAYED ON."

"We'll now have music by Mr. Pollock's free band," ejaculated Mr. Wallerstein.
"I move, Mr. President," said Mr. Mills, "that Mr. Pollock be requested to have his band come here and give us some music."

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"Mr. President," said Mr. Gibson, "I'n offer a substitute to Mr. Mills' motion. I move that \$500 be taken from the appropriation for the free band in the parks and put to the credit of Mr. Hardwicke's Sinking Fund."

Mr. Garber, who had been aroused by the talk of music, arose and said: "Mr. President, I move that we adjourn sine die, as I want to catch the car and go home before 1 o'clock."

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Strange to say, the President did not take any of the motions seriously, consequently they were not adopted.
The annual report of the various city officials, printed in pamphlet and circular form, were heaped upon the desks of the City Legislators.
The scene presented was that of a New York publishing house on a moving day.

A FUSILADE OF PAPER.

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"Mr. Fresident, I would like to see that done. I move that the Sergeant-at-Arms be requested to gather up all these reports, budgets, resolutions, ordinances, amendments and street car and telephone circulars and take them to a place of safety," remarked a sleepy-headed member.

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Some of the members used the papers, after rolling them up in an oval shape, to arouse the sleepy-headed corner of the Council Chamber.

There was a perfect fusilade of paper halls, of annual reports, budgets, etc.

Mr. Wallerstein arose and said that they had not come there for fun and he wanted to see the body get down to business, but he was willing to hear some music by Mr. Pollock's band.

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HEARTY LAUGHTER.

An incident which caused the most early laughter among these genial lawinaxers—for, indeed, they are renowned in their line—was a fiery, characteristic and interesting speech made by Mr. Marx Gunst on the night the appropriations for the various charitable institutions were passed. Mr. Gunst was appealing to his fellow-members to take a bold stand, but his remarks did not center on one object. Mr. Ezel arose and interrupted the Mr. Ebel arose and interrupted the speaker by saying: "Mr. President, I would like to know what the gentleman from Monroe Ward is talking about, I don't think that he should keep us here all night just for the sake of hearing his speech."

"As I was saying, Mr. President," "As I was saying, Mr. President," continued Mr. Gunst, "I shall vote for the amendment I am about to offer. It is an amendment to take the place of the amendment to the resolution to give the Ladles' City Mission this coke."

Mr. Gunst sat down to catch his breath, while the vote on the pending amendment, as offered by him, was being taken.

A LARGE COMMUNICATION.

Sergeant-at-Arms Ruskell came in with an armful of papers, which he said was a communication from the "Honorable Mayor."

"I wow that it he received and filed."

"I move that it be received and filed," said Mr. Camp.

The communication was large and

lengthy and would take the City Clerk six months' time to read it. The "gigantic" document was finally hauled into the City Clerk's office, where it has since remained. There is now some talk of having a wheelbarrow or a "dumb-waiter" to bring up the next communication from the "Honorable Mayor."

One of the abiest members of the Council approached me the other night and said that there was one thing needed in that body—a minister to offer prayer at each meeting. He said the offering of a prayer before each meeting was a thing that he thought ought to be done. He thought that the 1 o'clock suppers and "layouts" indulged in by the members was calculated to carry them to an early grave. He, therefore, felt that the asking of the divine blessing at each meeting was of the divine blessing at each meeting was

very much needed.

Those members of the Council whose humor frequently causes laughter are Mr William C. Camp, John T. West, W. T. Woody, Marx Gurst, S. H. Cottrell, Wm. Glison, Jr., Joseph Wallerstein and F. C.

Fredericksburg Affairs,

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 21.— Special.—Rev. Dr. J. S. Dill, of this city, preached a missionary sermon Easter Monday at Hebron Baptist Church, King

Monday at Hebron Baptist Church, King William County. In the afternoon he delivered one of his popular lectures at the same place to a large audience.

The Odd Fellows of his city will celebrate the eighty-first anniversary of that order at their hall Tuesday night, April 2th. The Grand Master of the State is expected to be present, and an entertailing programme has been prepared for the interesting occasion.

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Mr. J. F. Brown, treasurer of Fredericksburg Council, No. 416, Royal Areanum, has forwarded to Mrs. Saunders, widow of the late Rev. A. P. Saunders, a check for \$3,000, the amount of a policy held by her late husband.

The magnificent summer residence of Mr. W. G. Newman, of New York, near Somerset, Orange County, will be completed this spring. One hundred hands are at work parking the woodland and the

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"Mr. President, I move that the sum of \$2.000 be laid aside to purchase a suitable place as a library in which to store all this plunder," said one of the members.

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Rodgers, both of Stafford, were married at Stafford Courthouse this week, Rev. J. K. Gilbert officiating.

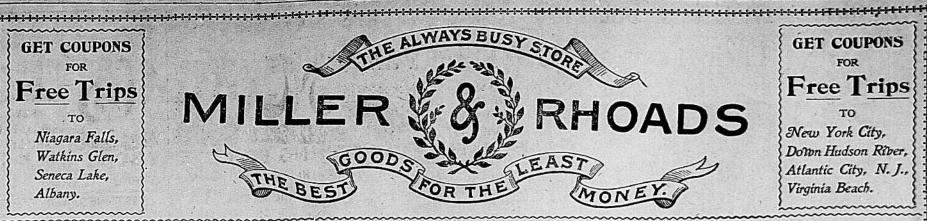
Glibert officiating.

Rev. Dr. J. S. Dill, pastor of the Baptist Church in this city, and Mrs. Dill will attend the great missionary conference in New York, which opens Saturday and continues several days.

Goshen Sunday School, in this county, has reorganized by the election of Commonwealth's Attorney Lee J. Graves superintendent; Commissioner of Revenue T. P. Payne, assistant; and School Trustee G. W. Perry, secretary.



Niagara Falls, Watkins Glen, Seneca Lake, Albany.



**GET COUPONS** 

Free Trips

New York City, Down Hudson Riber, Atlantic City, N. J., Virginia Beach.

Sunday, April 22, 1900.

# New Lining Prices.

Checked Crinoline black, worth 7c, a great bargain at

5 cents for waist Jeans. linings, light, medium and dark gray, worth 7c, for

Percaline, 36 inches wide, light, medium and dark gray, worth

10c, for

8 cents Silesia, heavy twill,

10c, for 8 cents Silesia, figured, black back, worth 12 1-2c,

10 cents Percaline, guaran-teed fast black, worth 12 1-2c, for

10 cents Shrunk Canvas, slate, natural white and black, worth 15c,

12 1-2c Percaline, figured 22c, for

16 cents Shrunk Canvas, slate, natural and black, worth 20c,

15 cents Automobile Silk, the new taffeta lining; all colors, worth 25c, for

17 cents

Ideal Silk, a beauti ful lining, all the nev colors, a bargain at 19 cents

Tuxedo Shrunk Canvas, natural, slate and black, good value

20 cents Silk Finish Percaline, guaranteed fast black, worth 45c, for 33 cents

Mercerized Sateens. good line of colors, great value at

17 cents Mercerized Italians, black and all colors,

worth 35c, for

# Are You a Contestant for One of These Trips

To Niagara Falls, Watkins Glen, through the Mohamk Valley (the richest country in the world), down the Historic Hudson River (the Rhine of America). To New York City, Atlantic City, N. J., and Virginia Beach (the finest sea-coast resorts in America). All Travelling and Hotel Expenses Paid.

### Read Our Following Splendid Offer:

How Customers Become Advertisers.

This store has derived benefits from two kinds of advertising-one of which it has paid for; the other having come to it as a natural result of the merchandising methods which obtain here. That for which it has paid is the newspaper advertising. That which has cost it nothing, in a monetary sense, is the advertising it has received from pleased and satisfied patrons. And upon this latter we place a valuation that is immeasurable.

This store's customers are its most forceful advertisers, because when a patron receives the kinds of merchandise, value and treatment which "spell" entire satisfaction, that patron is never slow to make favorable mention of it to friends. This is the very highest type of publicity, and this store receives lots of it; but this store cannot rest—it must be up and doing. "Pregress" is its watchword, and "Progress" says "Do something new, something different in advertising." Hence the inauguration of

A New Feature in Advertising.

In addition to our newspaper advertising we have set aside a specified sum of money to be used in the following way as a change of advertising method—in other words, a novel feature not before used—something new and entirely unique in which every purchaser has a possible chance to become a winner and enjoy one of the most charming summer tours in America absolutely free of cost.

Beginning Monday, April 16th,

and continuing until July 16, 1900, we will give to all purchasers of one dollar's worth of merchandise and upwards at our store—at the counter or through the mail order department—a coupon, and at the close of the contest, July 16th, the holder of the greatest number of coupons will receive the first prize trip, and the holder of the second greatest number of coupons will receive the second prize trip; and the holder of the third greatest number of coupons will receive the third prize trip.

## Prizes Consist of Three Charming Tours.

Each trip will consist of two first-class round-trip tickets for two persons, all travelling and hotel expenses included as outlined in column below.

Our Positive Guarantee.

We guarantee to give every purchaser the best value obtainable for every dollar expended at our store, to sell the same first-class grades of merchandise at our popular low prices, and in addition a chance to win one of the prize trip tickets. Our name and reputation will, we doubt not, be taken as a sufficient guarantee that every detail in these offers will be carried out to the very letter, and that each trip will be as strictly first-class as it is possible to arrange it.

We are ambitious enough to want all the patronage we can get, but not so short-sighted as to adopt any means to get it every to the base of a purchaser a future every mean.

except such methods as will make of a purchaser a future customer. You, who have known us for years, can trust us implicitly. You, whose acquaintance we have not yet made, can ask your neighbors about us and our methods. Our claim is that this store always gives you a very full measure of value for your money. Stocks at present are bigger and more attractive than ever we have shown before, so there is small chance of your not getting suited.

### First Prize.

(One of the Finest Summer Trips in America.)

First-class trip for two persons to Watkins Glen, Niagara Falls, and New York City through picturesque Pennsylvania, the historic Mohawk Valley, and down the Hudson river (the Rhine of America) by day on palace steamer.

Detail of Route.

R., F. & P. & Penn. R. R. (via Harrisburg) . . . . . . . to Watkins Steamer on Seneca Lake to Geneva
N. Y. Cen. and liudson River R. R. to Niagara Falls
N. Y. Central and Iludson River R. R. to Albany 

In addition to the two railroad tickets, expenses will be included for two persons, for baggage and Pullman car, stop over night in Washington, one day's stop at Glen Mountain House, Watkins; two days' stop at the International Hotel, Niagara Falls, all expenses to see Falls, &c. Stop over night at Albany, all meals on Pullman and steamer, two days at Imperial Hotel in New York city. Tickets will be good until October 31st, and should holders feel inclined can remain north until limit of tickets or take side trips from any point (at their expense). In the event of the winner having been over this route we will arrange another expense, a desirable.

### Second Prize.

City, N. J., for two persons, via York River line to Baltimore, Pennsylvania railroad, (Pullman car) via Bridge route, to Atlantic City, returning same

Tickets will be good until October 31st, and should holders of tickets desire, can stop off in Philadelphia at their expense any length of time or take side trips. Meals and state room on boat, meals on Pullman, and fare and baggage will be allowed both ways, and twenty-five dollars for expenses for the two persons while at Atlantic City.

### Third Prize.

(To Virginia Beach and Return.)

Third prize will consist of a first-class round trip via Norfolk and Western railroad and Norfolk and Virginia Beach railroad to Virginia Beach for two persons; good until October 31st. Baggage and transfer allowed, and twenty dollars for expenses for two persons while at the Beach.

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(Delightful Northern Seashore Trip.)

11 3-4c Manchester Cham-

8 3-4c

9 3-4c

# A Rare Chance at Tailor-Made Dresses.

We will place on sale to-morrow some of the greatest values in Ladies' Tailored Dresses ever offered. As the chance cannot possibly be duplicated, you will do well to buy early. In the lot are some sixty odd suits—prices begin at \$5.98 for suits worth \$10.00. And we will mark half of the suits, thirty-two in all, \$10.00; these are worth \$15.00.to \$18.00. Need we urge you more? We doubt if you'll ever see such vhlues again.

Lot No. 3.

Lot No. 1.

Remember, for one week only, strictly All-wool Coverts, single-breasted, fly front, with pocket,

\$5.98

Strictly All-wool Coverts, in tan, plue and dark greys, jacket double-breasted Eton, taffeta silk silk serge lining, skirt plain, flare effect, box pleated back, regular price, \$9, one week only, special price, lined, skirt box pleated back. \$6.75

Lot No. 2.

Plain black, strictly all-wool Cheviots, single-breasted tight fitting jacket, silk serge lined, skirt flare effect, box pleated back, regular price, \$13.50; your choice, for one week only, \$8.75

in light and dark grey, brown and blues, velvet collar, single-It's a beauty, regular

\$15.00 costume, special price, \$8.98

Lot No. 4.

Made of all-wool homespun,

Lot No. 5.

Large assortment to select from, single or double breasted, taffeta silk lined jacket: some finished off with strapped seams made of Venetians and all-woo homescens.

\$10.00

# The Arrival of New Dress Goods.

A special sale here to-morrow of New Dress Goods and Silks will interest hundreds of ladies. New colored effects for suits and separate skirts. New Foulard and India Silks in entirely new designs. These silks are very popular this season, New Black Dress Goods in weaves specially adapted to the spring and warm weather season are now here in great variety. The Greatest Dress Goods Business in the History of the Store.

Silks.

New Printed Indias, 23 inches wide, all pure silk, per yard..... 590 Printed Foulards.

23 inches wide, all pure silk, per yard...... 69c Printed Foulards. 23 inches wide, in dots, stripes and sprays, yard, 49°C Corded Wash Silks, in checks, stripes and

Broche stripes, per yd., 49C

i Tollet Set, containing 10 pieces, heautifully decorated in Yellow and Purple chrysanthemuras, gold stipplet; regular value, \$5, our \$3.50 price....

Black Venetian Cloth, all pure wool, per yard, 50C Black Zibeline.

57 inches wide, with long, glossy nap, per yard, \$1.00

12-Piece Toilet Sets, handsomely decorated in Pink and Yellow roses, tinted in Pink and Blue, with large-\$7.98 size slop jar, at.......

Crockery Sale.

New Styles in Toilet Sets.

(Basement.)

prove the looks of your room. Here new crockery is coming all

10-Piece Toilet Sets, neatly decorated, in Blue, Plink and Green; \$2.00

10-Piece Toilet Set, richly decorated in golden rods and gold stippled, would be cheap at \$6; our special \$4.19

11. Toilet Set containing 10 pieces.

12. Piece Toilet Set, tinted in Blue, decorated in lilles of the valley, and gold stippled; spe-\$5.39

13. Toilet Set, containing 10 pieces.

14. Toilet Set, containing 10 pieces.

15. Piece Toilet Set, tinted in Blue, decorated in lilles of the valley, and gold stippled; spe-\$5.39

16. Toilet Set, containing 10 pieces.

17. Piece Toilet Set, tinted in Blue, decorated in lilles of the valley, and gold stippled; spe-\$5.39

16. Toilet Set, containing 10 pieces.

9-Piece Tollet Set, decorated in Blue and White, with large roll \$2.89 Green and Gold; special \$5.00 green and Gold; special \$5.00

the time and you get the latest for the least money.

New shapes, new designs, new color effects, all tend to im-

Black Cheviot. 50 inches wide and all wool, per yard...... 75° New Wool Challies.

Black Prunella Cloth, 50 inches wide, all pure wool, per yard..... 750 Black Cheviot. Extra weight for walking skirts, 28 inches wide, all wool, per yard.... 59C Colored Dress Goods. Sublime Suitings. We have just received, during

the past week, another lot of

all pure wool, per yard, only ..... 50C

those all-wool Challies, in dainty

designs, such as dots, stripes and Fleur de lis effects, per yard ..... 500 **Dotted Granites and Venetian** Cloths,

This is a silk warp fabric very similar to Lansdowne, but not as good; light blue, tan, grey, navy, black, \$1.10

Genuine Lansdowne,

made by Wm. F. Read, of Philadelphia; light blue, pink, cream light grey, cardinal, navy and black, per \$1.25

# Housekeepers' Wants.

(Startling Statement.)

Our sales of last week almost doubled those for the corresponding week of a year ago-easy to explain: more of you have come to know the character of goods we sell and the way we sell themhave come to depend on Miller & Rhoads as the best suppliers of everything for self or home. Still greater attraction for this week. Our low prices tell their own story and tell it forcibly.

Pillow-Casing, 42 inches wide, 8¹C
Pillow-Casing, 45 inches round thread, cotton, worth 14c., 11C
Pillow-Casing, 45 inches wide, worth 22c, for... 16c
Pillow-Casing, 45 inches wide, round thread, cotton, worth 14c., 11C
Pillow-Cases, 45 by 36 inches, worth 12¹c, special 12¹c
Unbleached Sheeting, 10-4, smooth, even thread, worth 15c., special 12¹c
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Sheets, for single bed, 1½ by 33C
Pillow-Cases, 45 by 36 inches, worth 15c, special 12¹c
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Sheets, for single bed, 1½ by 33C
Mercerized Damask, 64 inches wide, good patterns, as fine as linen, worth 15c, for... 50C

# New Prices on Wash Goods.

Simpson's Electric Blue Calicoes, worth 6 t-4c, a bargain at 4 3-4c

Woven Stripe Madras, fast colors, worth 10c, a special bargain

5 cents Dimity, sheer even cloth, good printing, worth 8 1-3c, for

47-8c Percales, 36 inches wide, worth 10c, a great bargain event at

5 cents Cheviot, medium and dark colors.

Piques, wide warp wale, worth 10c, for 8 3-4c White Ducks, 32

5 3-4c

8 3-4c Fine Lawn, 40 inches vide, worth 10c, for

8 3-4c

Organdy, 32 inches wide, very sheer, worth 12 1-2c, for

Percales, 36 inches wide, worth 12 1-2c, 8 3-4c Ginghams, 36 inches

wide, good staple styles, worth 10c, for

8 3-4c Covert Cloth, worth 12 1-2c, an unusual

97-8c Piques, figured and varp wale, worth 13c,

11 3-4c Long Cloth forty

Dimities, this sea-

# White Goods and Wash Goods Sale

We have prepared well for spring and summer-not an important mill anywhere in the world that is not represented here with its best and choicest product-a variety so great, so overwhelming that nothing but a personal inspection can give you an idea of it, and the price part will be still more astonishing.

Dotted Muslin, small, medium and large dots, 25c. value, 20C for...

Spotted Nainsook, soft, even cloth, with small even spots, worth 25C Piques, medium and wide 25C wales, worth 33c, special et.... 25C Dotted Swigs areall seaded as

Mercerized Madras, soft cloth, with Mercerized dots and vines, worth 39C 

Vortable, special value, the worth 124c, only a few pieces 10C large effects in Openwork, the newest for waist, worth 17c., 12 c for.

India Linen, 32 inches wide, worth 19c., great value, at., 15C Piques, warp and figured wales. IOC worth 12%c, only Piques, wide, straight wale, 190 Mercerized Novelties, sheer 17C

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